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FOR SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: US/ISRAELI MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

1. I PRESENTED OUR REVISED DRAFT OF THE US-ISRAELI ASSURANCES SECTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ISRAELI TECHNICAL TEAM HEADED BY DINITZ, EVRON, AMOS EIRAN (NEW DG OF PM), GENERAL SHARON, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK. AS YOU INSTRUCTED, I DID SO IN AS CONCILIATORY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE WITH A PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR OUR PROPOSED REVISIONS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, I MADE THE POINT THAT THE KIND OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURES REFLECTED IN YESTERDAY'S JERUSALEM POST STORY MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO INCLUDE SOME OF THE SENSITIVE ASSURANCES ISRAEL SEEKS IN A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE USG, EVEN WHEN WE DID NOT NECESSARILY DISAGREE WITH THE SUBSTANCE. THE ISRAELI TEAM ASKED FOR TIME TO STUDY OUR REVISED DRAFT AND TO CONSULT WITH ALLON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MINISTERIAL TEAM, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL LET ME KNOW WHETHER THEY WANT A FURTHER SESSION TODAY AT TECHNICAL LEVEL OR WILL SIMPLY WAIT FOR ALLON TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY WITH YOU. I MADE CLEAR THAT LEIGH, OAKLEY AND I ARE AT THEIR DISPOSAL WHENEVER THEY WISH.

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2. DINITZ DURING THE MEETING, AND EVRON PRIVATELY

AFTERWARDS, SAID THAT MINISTERIAL REACTION WOULD BE STRONGLY NEGATIVE; EVRON USED THE WORD "VIOLENT." THEIR MAIN POINT WAS THAT OUR LATEST REVISIONS AND DELETIONS REPRESENTED A MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE WATERING DOWN OF LANGUAGE WHICH WAS ALREADY A WATERING DOWN OF THEIR ORIGINAL DRAFT. THEY INSISTED GOI WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LANGUAGE IN OUR PREVIOUS COUNTER-DRAFT HAD BEEN LARGELY AGREED TO, AND IT HAD BEEN SO REPORTED TO CABINET AND TO A KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE. EVRON SPECULATED THAT THE GENERAL REACTION WILL BE THAT, ONCE THE GOI GAVE US THE MAP WE WANTED, WE HAVE BACKED AWAY FROM VERY IMPORTANT ASSURANCES WHICH THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL QUID PRO QUOS FOR THEIR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. I TOLD EVRON CATEGORICALLY THIS WOULD BE TOTALLY WRONG CONCLUSION.

3. I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS INITIAL REACTION SINCE IT IS PREDICTABLE THAT ALLON WILL HIT YOU WITH THIS AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT.
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